

St. Mary Catholic Church ~ St. Joseph Catholic Mission

September 2023



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
 Daniel Cardinal DiNardo
 Fr. Edward C. Kucera, Jr. ~ Pastor
 Deacon David G. Garvis
 Deacon Anthony Olivieri



Parish Office
 PO Box 388, Plantersville, TX 77363
 936-894-2223
 Parish Fax ~ 936-894-3613

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Friday: 8:00 am - 12 pm
 Lunch: Closed from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Mary ~ Plantersville

Monday through Thursday & First Friday ~ 9:00 a.m.

Saturday ~ 5:00 p.m. &

Sunday ~ 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.

St. Joseph ~ Stoneham

Sunday—7:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

1st & 3rd Wednesday: 10a.m.-12p.m. & 5-6p.m.

Or by Appointment—Please Call the Office.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Please call the parish office for information concerning
 Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony or Anointing of the Sick.

Church Organizations & Ministries at St. Mary's & St. Joseph's

Parish Administrator

Bill Jones 936.894.2223

AA

Leland Fougeron 936.870.5102

ACTS Retreat

Karen Coffman 281.773.6081

Adult Bible Study & Spiritual Enrichment

Betty Hollas 713.419.6106

Adult Confirmation

Sharon Skeans 281.467.0217

Altar Society-St. Mary

Rita Swonke 713.557.5817

Altar Society-St. Joseph

Marcy Pavlock 936.661.6662

Altar Servers

Steve Twining 713.344.6001

Annulments

Call Parish Office 936.894.2223

Art & Environment...etc.

Liz Torres 936.894.2223

Baptism Preparation for Infants to 6

Email baptisms@smsj.org

CCE / RE

Cheryl Schratwieser 936.894.2223

Church Greeters

Call Parish Office 936.894.2223

Extraordinary Ministers -

Holy Communion & Sacristans

Kerry Masson 713.824.8599

Gabriel Project

Wanda O'Brien 936.597.6328

GriefShare Ministry

Mary Marshall 281.356.2497

Guardian Angels Senior Group

TBD 936.894.2223

Homebound Ministry

Larry & Patty Decker 936.228.9742

Lectors

Richard Prokop 936.597.8688

Little Lambs Playgroup

Wanda O'Brien 936.597.6328

Marriage Preparation

Call Parish Office 936.894.2223

For Spanish speaking prep, call:

Brenda Martinez 936.777.9720

Music/Wedding Director

Call Parish Office 936.894.2223

Pro-Life Outreach

Nance Shaw 936.894.2512

RCIA / Adult Faith Formation

Don Picard 936.697.0195

Rummage Sale Coordinator

Lauren Twining 281.813.5355

S.A.L.T. Ministry – Singles, Divorced,

Widows & Widowers

Mary Marshall 281.356.2497

St. Joseph's Cemetery

Justin Mock 979.777.4993

St. Mary's Cemetery

Rita Swonke 713.557.5817

St. Mary's Corner Shoppe

Ethel Barbossa 936.760.9565

St. Mary's Men's Club

Bob Daves 832.205.2791

Stitchin' Sisters

Juli Murphy 936.206.0677

St. Vincent de Paul (for help, 936.894.2362)

Bob Daves 832.205.2791

Write for Life

Bob Dean 936.582.6314

Coordinator Youth Confirmation

Susan Horne 281.536.0810

If you are new to the area and would like to become a member of our parish, please call the office or pick up a registration form in back of the church. A registration can be completed online at www.smsj.org.



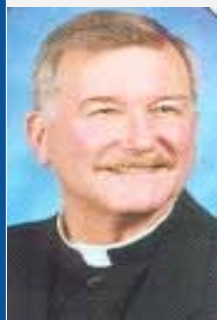
AND NOW A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR (pg. 1)...

This bulletin will be printed and available at the time of St. Mary's annual bazaar on Labor Day Sunday, September 3rd. Visitors are often amazed and impressed that our bulletin is a monthly bulletin not a weekly publication as in most parishes. I pioneered this concept of parish communication, I think, in my first parish as pastor of St. Gregory the Great on the east side of Houston. I realized how much time it took the parish secretary each week to put out the bulletin, often with the same information, just highlighting the week's happenings. Often something was overlooked and an announcement at the Sunday Mass would have to be made. I also thought that, with a monthly bulletin, families would be able to plan their schedules around the parish's monthly schedule and not be blind-sighted on Sunday. Selfishly, I'm willing to write a message once a month and, even then, have to be hounded by the secretary to get it in. I applaud priests who do write a weekly message. I don't have the time or inclination .. .lol.

If you are a visitor to the bazaar, I want to thank you for coming. Many of you have traveled quite a distance to be here and support and enjoy the day. We all sincerely appreciate that you put the date on your calendar and made the time to be with us. I hope that, reading through this bulletin, you'll discover that we are a very active and engaging parish family. Though we might be a church in-the-middle-of-nowhere, we have a lot going on. I joke that downtown at the Chancery they think of us as a small, country parish. I'm still trying to find that quiet, bucolic church, though, when I first got here, cows were grazing right up to the fence facing the church! We've grown a lot through the years, now numbering about 1350+ families. Your coming to our bazaar gives us the opportunity to welcome all of you and hopefully be seen as a family of faith that enjoys each other's company, working together and doing this for the honor and glory of God ... and a few extra bucks to keep the light on.

Many of you come during the month to visit the church and admire what has been handed down to us through the years. We are quick to acknowledge that we're just building up what we received through the firm faith and hard work of many generations. What is remarkable and the hallmark of St. Mary is that there are no distinctions made of the old timers and the new comers. (Though sometimes it's said jokingly that St. Mary is the meeting of John Deere and Ralph Lauren .. .lol). The Gathering Hymn at every Mass at every bazaar says it all: All Are Welcome To This Place. It's that genuine and generous welcome that we hope you feel the moment you step foot on this property that we hold is holy.

Of course, the church building is central to the 57+ acres that comprise the setting of St. Mary. I hope you notice that the hall reflects the architecture of the church structure. It's deliberate. What happens in the sacred space of the church building is carried into the hall where fellowship deepens and feeding continues. That feeding and fellowship in Church and Hall spills over into the Family Life building where education of the young and adults continues to nourish and deepen our faith and witness to the Lord as His family gathered in this corner of Texas. It's a wonderful cycle ... church ... to hall ... to family life to church ... to hall ... We're a remarkable family. So glad you have come. Come back and join us in worship on Sunday anytime. The church is beautiful but never more beautiful than when full and we're all worshipping together. A sight to behold! An experience to be cherished!



AND NOW A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR (pg. 2)...

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As Christ proclaimed the Kingdom, so the Church serves the Kingdom, so that "the entire world may become the people of God, the Body of the Lord, and the Temple of the Holy Spirit, that, in, by and through Christ there may be rendered to God the Father and Creator of the Universe all honor and glory."

United States Conference of Bishops

St. Mary's Bazaar is quickly approaching!

Labor Day Sunday September 3, 2023
Festivities Begin at 11:00 a.m.

Join us on this festive occasion where we have an old-fashioned country barbecue, games, live & silent auctions, raffle and a heaping dose of fun & fellowship. Pre-Sale raffle and dinner tickets are available at Bazaar Central and in the Parish Office. Cash and checks are accepted. Day of the Bazaar credit cards and cash will be accepted.

Y'ALL COME AND HAVE A GREAT TIME!



ALL HANDS ON DECK

We always need help with:

Bazaar set-up: Saturday, September 2nd
&
Take-down Monday, September 4th

Come on out-lunch will be served both days!

AUCTION UPDATE

Your 2023 Auction Committee has been busy planning this years event and thanks to your generosity we have many exciting new offerings including trips, fun new group dinners and parties, golf, sporting events, gift baskets and so much more!

We can't wait to see you at the Live and Silent Auctions at this years bazaar!



**Be sure to pre-register
to bid in the Live and
Silent Auctions!**

Scan the QR Code with
your phone camera to
get started.

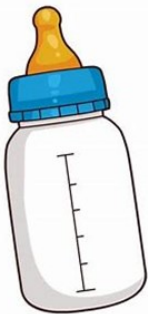


Curious about the items
in this years auctions?

Scan the QR Code with
your phone camera to
view a list of donations.



Thank you for all the wonderful donations we have received this year!



It's that time of year for the BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG!

We give you an empty bottle and you return it filled with change or a check (made out to St. Mary). The bottles will be given out on September 30/October 1. These monies will be used for our parish Gabriel Project which assists pregnant moms and their families. Our outreach consists of our parish of St. Mary/St. Joseph, the surrounding counties, and extending our help to other parishes throughout the Archdiocese as the need arises. Bless you for your generosity. The bottles can be returned throughout the month of October.

LITTLE LAMBS PLAYGROUP

We're back in session after taking a Summer Break!



Are you looking for a playgroup for your children to get together with others? Moms or Dads, are you looking to connect with other parents and visit while your children play? Homeschool families, are you looking for a few hours of socialization for your children and conversation with adults? If the answer is YES, then come and join us this month in the hall at St. Mary's from 9:00am-11:00am.

**Friday, Sept. 8
Friday, Sept. 22**



THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

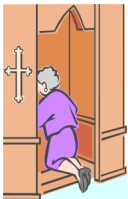
Pope's Intention: For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Please keep our sick in your prayers:



MaryAnn Benitz, Bernie & JoAnn Borski, Courtney Boyett, Delores Boyett, James & Meredith Buck, Nettie Carmouche, Nicholas Decker, Clara Fridye, Holly Gilstrap, Russell Grasshoff, Joanne Hare, Catherine Hoffart, Tommy & Irene Hoffpauir, Frank Horvath, Barbara Hyde, Alice Johnston, Deborah Kennamore, Ruth Kolek, Jimmy & Carol Kubeczka, Grant Larson, Jack Letobitz, Chris Lobue, Patti Lott Stafford, Natalie Mattern, Lance Miller, Hailey Minor, Chad Mock, Thomas Noble, Matthew Oliver, Cleave Parks, Wendy Pitchford, Verena Podraza, CeCe Ray, Lisa Seigle, Danielle Sharp, Angela Slater, Fred Smith, Marie Staples, Craig Strickler, Daniela Syzdek, Clara Walkoviak



CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard Wednesday

September 6th
10:00am-noon & 5:00-6:00pm

Otherwise, if available, Fr. Ed would be happy to hear confessions.

Call the office for an appointment
at 936-894-2223

Anointing Mass for the Sick and Elderly

Canceled for September

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**First Friday Mass**  
**September 1st at 9:00am**



If you are new to our Parish or have been thinking about getting involved with one of our many Church Organizations or Ministries, please refer to the front page of the bulletin. You will find a complete list with the contact information of the person that can get you signed up.

## St. Joseph Mass Intentions September 2023

| <u>Date</u>   | <u>Time</u> | <u>Intentions</u>              | <u>Requested by</u>      |
|---------------|-------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sun, Sep. 3   | 7:30am      | Rufus Uilkie                   | Leon & Frances Konieczny |
|               |             | Billy & Yvonne Wirzberg        | Theresa Rausheck         |
| Sun, Sep. 10  | 7:30am      | Frank Tepera                   | Erin McGinity Smith      |
|               |             | Frank Imhoff & Virginia Carver | Imhoff Family            |
| Sun., Sep. 17 | 7:30am      | Joe & Dorothy Magna            | The Wetuski Family       |
|               |             | Sylvester Pavlock, Jr.         | Robert & Patricia Kimich |
|               |             | & Kira Kimich                  |                          |
| Sun., Sep. 24 | 7:30am      | Peter Joseph Imhoff            | Imhoff Family            |
|               |             | Amanda & Jimmy Tomkivits       | Susan Davidson           |

## St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Year ending 6-30-2023

### Financial Summary

|                                  |                            |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Total weekly collections</b>  | <b>\$100,726.00</b>        |
| <b>Special donation</b>          | <b>\$460.00</b>            |
| <b>DSF rebate</b>                | <b>\$2,325.00</b>          |
| <b>Ignite Rebate</b>             | <b>\$1,318.00</b>          |
| <b>Interest Income</b>           | <b>\$1,900.00</b>          |
| <b>Bazaar Net</b>                | <b><u>\$102,231.00</u></b> |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>            | <b><u>\$208,960.00</u></b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>                  | <b><u>\$134,037.00</u></b> |
| <b>Revenue over Expenses</b>     | <b>\$74,923.00</b>         |
| <b>Less Capital Improvements</b> | <b><u>\$10,550.00</u></b>  |
| <b>Total Net</b>                 | <b>\$64,373.00</b>         |

*"We must remember that God has no other hands but ours, no other mouths but yours, Therefore, God is still going to work miracles of love, miracles of freedom and liberation through people like you and me."*

*~Blessed Mother Theresa*



PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE PRECEDED US IN DEATH. KEEP THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS.

Deacon Ted Baker: husband of Nancy, who died on Thursday, August 10, whose funeral mass and interment were on August 18 at St. Mary.

Fr. John Ulm: who died on Tuesday, August 15th, whose funeral mass was Monday, August 21 in Orange, TX.

Jeannette Rose Purcell: wife of Mike, who died on Sunday, August 6, whose funeral mass was Thursday, August 10 at St. Mary.

Cruz Orduna: who died on Thursday, August 3, whose funeral mass was Sunday, August 13 at St. Mary.

## ACTS

*Welcome to the ACTS Core members for 2023-24 Michael Fortunato, Paul Magliolo, George Morris, Greg Pellegrino, Brian Ruda Karen Coffman, Patti Kling, Diane Pasket, Carmen Troyo, Stella Yorek.*

*All ACTS Sisters and Brothers are hosting a Bake Sale Fundraiser to support future ACTS Retreats after the Masses on Oct 14- 15 at St Mary's. All ACTs Sisters and Brothers are asked to please consider baking and/or helping sell the treats after the Masses. More info will follow in October's bulletin.*

### ***UPCOMING RETREATS:***

#### **WOMEN'S:**

January 18-21, 2024

Women's Retreat Director:  
Denise Waszak  
240.315.4575

#### **MEN'S:**

February 6-9, 2025





## St. Mary Mass Intentions for September 2023

| <u>Date</u>    | <u>Time</u> | <u>Intentions</u>                                               | <u>Requested by</u>                            |
|----------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Fri., Sep. 1   | 9:00am      | Neil Rosenberg<br>Manny Bustillo                                | Jeanette Raines<br>Cheryl Williams             |
| Sat., Sep. 2   | 5:00pm      | Pat Cavanaugh                                                   | Tootsie Mock                                   |
| Sun., Sep. 3   | 7:00am      | Cherry Smock                                                    | Jeanne & Francisco Cabrera                     |
| Sun., Sep. 3   | 8:30am      | John Logan                                                      | SM Altar Society                               |
| Sun., Sep. 3   | 10:00am     | Estelle Smith                                                   | Jean Ferris                                    |
| Sat., Sep. 9   | 5:00pm      | Katherine & Robert Diehl<br>Elizabeth Swonke & Joe Swonke       | Timothy & Marie Diehl<br>Charles & Rita Swonke |
| Sun., Sep. 10  | 7:00am      | Janie Legge                                                     | John Mock                                      |
| Sun., Sep. 10  | 8:30am      | John Magee                                                      | Nick & Olive Cannistra                         |
| Sun., Sep. 10  | 10:00am     | Jacob Diehl                                                     | Martin Diehl                                   |
| Sun., Sep. 10  | 11:30am     | Bernice Watson                                                  | Debbie Austin                                  |
| Wed., Sep. 13  | 9:00am      | Mildred "Millie" Whaley                                         | Marcelle & Bryant Chapman                      |
| Thur., Sep. 14 | 9:00am      | Robert Ferris                                                   | Jean Ferris                                    |
| Sat., Sep. 16  | 5:00pm      | Joanne Amort & Norman Amort                                     | Eddie & Dianne Delgado                         |
| Sun., Sep. 17  | 7:00am      | Bill Worthington                                                | Harry & Nita Leschinger                        |
| Sun., Sep. 17  | 8:30am      | Raymond Pasket                                                  | Pasket Family                                  |
| Sun., Sep. 17  | 10:00am     | Patty Jones                                                     | Bill Jones                                     |
| Sun., Sep. 17  | 11:30am     | Dolores Hoffart                                                 | Tootsie Mock                                   |
| Mon., Sep. 18  | 9:00am      | Maureen Magee                                                   | Olive & Nick Cannistra                         |
| Tues., Sep. 19 | 9:00am      | Grace D. Walker                                                 | Dr. L A Walker                                 |
| Sat., Sep. 23  | 5:00pm      | Katie Smith                                                     | Diana Floyd                                    |
| Sun., Sep. 24  | 7:00am      | Beth Ramsberg                                                   | Mike & Melinda Donnellan                       |
| Sun., Sep. 24  | 8:30am      | Jack Demny                                                      | Denise Durel                                   |
| Sun., Sep. 24  | 10:00am     | For the People                                                  | -----                                          |
| Sun., Sep. 24  | 11:30am     | Terry Gabriel                                                   | Bill & Gloria Boehm                            |
| Mon., Sep. 25  | 9:00am      | Jean Rousseau                                                   | Debra Galka                                    |
| Tues., Sep. 26 | 9:00am      | Thomas, Sr. & Sport Diehl<br>Marcy Ellis Diehl/Ronnie Canatella | Maj. SJ & Laura Cicherski                      |
| Wed., Sep. 27  | 9:00am      | Bill Malek                                                      | Dan & Dianne Malek                             |
| Thur., Sep. 28 | 9:00am      | Joseph Johnson                                                  | Everette & MaryJo Johnson                      |
| Sat., Sep. 30  | 5:00pm      | Robert Riedle                                                   | Mary & Susan Riedle                            |

## St. Mary's Catholic Church

The following summary of our Parish finances is representative of the generosity of you, our Parishioners. We were able to control our various expenses to insure a positive result at the end of the year. Our Finance Council as always did a fantastic job in preparing our annual budget. Our expenses were \$228,752.00 below the budget and our revenue was \$94,014.00 above the amount budgeted.

*Thank you for your generosity and for all you do for our Parish.*

**Year ending 6-30-2023**

### **Financial Summary**

|                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Total weekly collections   | \$1,404,624.00      |
| Special Donations          | \$3,573.00          |
| Ignite Rebate              | \$16,475.00         |
| DSF Rebate                 | \$41,376.00         |
| Interest Income            | \$31,224.00         |
| Cash Gifts                 | \$47,701.00         |
| Bazaar Net                 | \$302,488.00        |
| Rummage sale Net           | <u>\$70,453.00</u>  |
| TOTAL REVENUES             | \$1,917,914.00      |
| Expenses                   | \$911,317.00        |
| Capital improvements       | \$264,287.00        |
| Future Development Reserve | <u>\$150,000.00</u> |
| Revenue over expenses      | \$592,310.00        |

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*-Blessed Mother Theresa*



## Rummage News

The Rummage Sale team continues to accept your gently used donations on Wednesday mornings 8am-noon at the Rummage Barn or see unmanned carts located under the small pavilion, available after every Mass. If you need to schedule a pick up, please contact **Lauren Twining 281-813-5355**. Someone is always available to open the barn if you cannot drop off on Wednesdays, just give us a call.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The rummage barn will be closed the first week in September so our workers can work their other jobs at the bazaar. **CARTS WILL NOT BE UNDER THE PAVILION those weeks. DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS UNDER THE PAVILION those 2 weeks.** The Pavilion is used for the bazaar and rummage workers are not available to manage donations. Help us by holding your donations while the bazaar is happening.

**DON'T FORGET THE RUMMAGE SALE IS ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH**

*If you would like to join a great group of people who are dedicated to serving our parish, our community, and those in need, please come on Wednesday mornings or contact Lauren Twining for more information. You won't regret it. We would love to see you join us. Also, join St. Mary's Porch on Facebook for weekly deals, special sales, and a sneak peak at what the Rummage Sale Team is doing.*

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*~~~Blessed Mother Theresa*



*Please pray for all of our  
men & women  
in the military.*

**St. Mary's Men's Club  
Blood Drive & Breakfast  
Sunday, October 29**





## UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

September 3: The Catholic University of America



## FORMED.ORG

Our Parish now has a subscription to FORMED, a premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, talks, and even categories for children. FORMED has content from over 60 Catholic experts that is professionally produced, engaging, and solid in its catechism.

Best of all, the material is **free to you!**

You can enjoy the content on your computer, phone, tablet, or TV.

To gain access to FORMED's content, follow these steps:

- ♦ Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
- ♦ Enter our Parish zip code 77363
- ♦ Register with your name and email address.

That's it! No Password to remember! FORMED is designed to help adults and families grow in our Catholic faith.



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The Parish office will be **closed** on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.



### ST. MARY MEN'S CLUB

We are called by Christ to be Servants to one another. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while or haven't joined the men's club, we invite you to our monthly meeting. The next meeting is on **September 19**. Come meet your fellow parishioners, enjoy the fellowship, and learn how you can serve the parish.

**Social at 6:00pm, dinner served at 6:30pm with meeting to follow  
in the St. Mary's Parish Hall**

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

We ask that you continue to bring non-perishable food to help those in need in our community. **Our September meeting is at 3:30 in the parish hall on Tuesday, September 26 with Mass at 5:00pm.**

Merciful God, You are great in your compassion and your tenderness for us is without measure. We ask you to give us today our daily bread and also to provide for the needs of all your hungry children around the world. Heavenly Father through your Son Jesus Christ, send the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to serve those who are marginalized bringing them love and hope as we serve them. Amen



Come and join us as we serve those in our community who cry out for help.

*If you are interested in becoming a Vincentian, please call our President: Bob Daves at 832.205.2791.*

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**If you or anyone you know is in need of assistance from the**

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**Please note: you can find the bulletin on our website [www.smsj.org](http://www.smsj.org)**  
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## **ST. JOSEPH ALTAR SOCIETY**

Altar Society Meeting in the parish hall

**SEPTEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>**

**ALTAR CARE:**

**Kinsey Stutts & Meribeth Shimshack**

**COFFEE SERVERS:**

**Sep. 3: Cecie Kobza**

**Sep. 10: JoAnn Kutac & Shelly Sauers**

**Sep. 17: Debbie Williams**

**Sep. 24: Meribeth Shimshack & Kinsey Stutts**

## **AA MEETINGS:**

**Every Monday evening  
@ 8 p.m. in St. Mary's  
Kelly House.**



## **MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOANER PROGRAM**

St. Mary's has a loaner program for anyone who is in need of Medical equipment.

For equipment availability, contact the office at 936-894-2223.

**We have walkers, bedside commodes,  
& various other items available.**



## **St. Mary's Cemetery Association**

In our country and throughout the world, there are many cemeteries that have long been abandoned. Trees, weeds have taken over, monuments vandalized and/or destroyed. We believe cemeteries are holy ground, a place for our loved ones to rest in peace until the end of time when the final judgement comes as Christ comes to claim his own. Help us keep our cemetery neat, and clean. There will be a cemetery clean up on Tuesday, August 29 starting at 8:00 am. Then help set up for the Bazaar afterwards. And may all the souls of our loved ones through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

***Don't wait until the last minute . . .***

**Get your cemetery plots & niches at St. Mary's as soon as possible.**

**Prices on each are:  
PARISHIONER—\$1,200;  
NON-PARISHIONER—\$4,000**

**Urn prices are:  
Brass Box \$100;  
Brushed Brass Vase \$140.**





## ST. MARY'S GUARDIAN ANGELS SENIOR GROUP NEWS

**Meeting: Wednesday, September 13th at 10:00am in Rm. 201 FLC**

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**GAME DAY** will be Tuesday, September 19 at 10am - 2pm in St. Mary's Hall. Entrée will be provided, please bring a side dish. Bring a friend and enjoy the fun.

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**The Domino Group will play every Tuesday, except September 5<sup>th</sup>,  
in the Family Life Center Kitchen**

*Remember, please bring a dish to share with everyone*

**SIGN UP**

**FALL BIBLE STUDY - *LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP***

### ***EUCCHARIST***

***You may be surprised to learn that there is a treasure of information in both the Old and New Testaments about this Sacrament.***

**DATES:** Thursdays: September 14 – November 30

**TIME:** 10:00am - Noon or 7:00pm - 9:00pm

**COST:** \$10.00 for Participant Workbook (payable first day of class)

**WHERE:** Study is held in St. Mary's Parish Hall

**TO REGISTER CONTACT:**

Betty Hollas

[bethollas@hotmail.com](mailto:bethollas@hotmail.com) (713) 419-6106

or

The Parish Office

[info@smsj.org](mailto:info@smsj.org) (936) 894-2223

Please register by September 6





## JOIN THE STITCHIN' SISTERS

Are you interested in bringing back a lost art?

Are you interested in having a good time with a great group of ladies?

Think about joining the Stitchin' Sisters. Hand quilting seems to be a lost art that we are trying to keep alive. We are a group of ladies that hand quilt three donation quilts a year. One for the Plantersville Fire Department Auction, one for St. Joseph's Bazaar Auction and one for St. Mary's Bazaar Auction.

If time permits between those quilts, we will quilt member's quilt for a nominal fee. If you do not know how to quilt, we will do our best to help you out. We all have opinions! We can show you how to put up a quilt on a frame, how to mark it, how to quilt it, and how to finish it.

**We meet every Wednesday from 9:30 to 2:00 at the St. Joseph Hall. Bring your own lunch.**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

**For more info, Juli Murphy: at 936-206-0677 or email julimurphy1988@gmail.com.**

**THE GABRIEL PROJECT** is a pro-life parish-based apostolate of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston offering assistance to women experiencing difficult circumstances during pregnancy. Gabriel Project volunteers act to provide practical advice and help, as well as spiritual support and Christian witness to mothers in need.



Our St. Mary's Gabriel Angels are trained to provide some of the following:

- \*\* Be a resource to answer questions about pregnancy, child care, and parenting
- \*\* Provide friendship, emotional, and spiritual support
- \*\* Help with items for a new baby
- \*\* Knowledge about available community resources to meet your needs

Pregnant and need maternity clothes? We have a large supply of items.

Please phone to set up a time to come and pick out what you need.

**Thank you for your donations. Our families are very grateful! Call Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328 for more info.**

***Please visit:***

***<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>***

***For September's Liturgical Readings***



## **ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

Come join the St. Mary's Altar Society for our **monthly meeting** on:

**Tuesday, September 12**  
**at Noon in SM Hall**

### **ALTAR CARE:**

Diana Floyd, Neen Haydel, Carmen Troyo

### **THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

**WOMEN'S CENTER** is a parish supported ministry of the St. Mary's Altar Society offering support to women/families experiencing difficult circumstances with domestic violence.

#### **The shelter is in need of the following items:**

School supplies for the children currently living in the shelter.

Leggins  
T-shirts  
Flip Flops

Please place your donations in the baskets provided in the church and the hall.  
Thank You from the Women's Center for all your donations.

For more information about the Women's Center go to <https://mcwctx.org>



## **The Corner Shoppe**

### **SHOP EARLY FOR CONFIRMATION AT THE CORNER SHOPPE!**



Confirmation is scheduled for October 14. Visit the Corner Shoppe to find the perfect card and gift to celebrate this very special occasion.

There are dramatic feasts in September: The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, and the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. The Corner Shoppe has a variety of books and religious articles to commemorate these special feasts.



### **SHOPPE HOURS**

The Corner Shoppe is open after all weekend Masses every Wednesday from 10:00am – 2:00pm



## **Rowan's Prayer**

*One day God will Bring us back together, United  
with your child, you'll cry no more.  
Till then, may we draw strength from each other,  
knowing that they wait by Heaven's door.*

If you have or you know of someone who just experienced a miscarriage, still birth or infant loss or you know someone with a neonatal diagnosis.

Contact Bonnie Haytcher: by calling  
941-302-6310,  
or emailing [haytcherb@gmail.com](mailto:haytcherb@gmail.com)





*Faith Formation  
&  
Children's Sacraments*



**CCE classes begin this month.**

**Wednesday** Classes are on September 13th and 20th, 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

**Sunday** Classes are on September 17th and 24th, 10:00 to 11:00 am.

Register by Tuesday, **August 29th** to get your children on a class list.

If you have any questions you can contact us by email:  
[smsjcece@gmail.com](mailto:smsjcece@gmail.com)

Visit the Religious Education website page:  
<http://smsj.org/cce-children-youth-sacraments/>  
Contact the Religious Education Office-  
by phone: 936-894-2223  
or by email: [smsjcece@gmail.com](mailto:smsjcece@gmail.com)

***RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults***

Are you not baptized and thinking you would like to be a Baptized Catholic? Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic?  
Do you know someone interested in Baptism in the Catholic Faith?  
Or have you been away from the Catholic Faith and would like to inquire on returning to the faith?

RCIA "The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" is the process of educational formation and spiritual formation by which adults become full members in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

We invite all those who are not baptized, those who are baptized in other faiths and those baptized in the Catholic Faith that would like to increase their knowledge in Catholicism.

Anyone interested in learning more about the possibility of joining the Roman Catholic Church or is interested in increasing their adult faith formation are invited to contact RCIA director Donald A Picard Jr at [dpicard0710@gmail.com](mailto:dpicard0710@gmail.com) or 936-697-0195



***Baptism ~ Infants to Age 6***



Baptisms are scheduled quarterly and usually occur on Saturday mornings. Available dates will be provided upon completion of all requirements.

Parents must take a preparation course (if they have not previously completed one within the past 3 years). Godparents are asked to complete one as well. We will also need a copy of the child's birth certificate.

Further information and a link to the registration form can be found on our Web page at <https://smsj.org/baptism/>

Please send all questions and inquiries to [smsjbaptism@gmail.com](mailto:smsjbaptism@gmail.com)

**Baptism for Ages over 6:**

Please contact Cheryl Schratwieser at [smsjcece@gmail.com](mailto:smsjcece@gmail.com) for information.

## GriefShare



*What we once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never lose, for all that we loved deeply becomes a part of us.* Quote by Helen Keller

### **Make Plans to Join Us**

#### **Our Fall GriefShare session:**

September 6 – December 6, 2023

Wednesday 10:00 - 12:00 pm

At the Kelly House

Please make plans to join us!

This program *Welcomes* all who have experienced a loss of a loved one in their life. The foundation for the program is based on *Community, Understanding, Support and Encouragement*. Our Facilitators understand and have experienced what you are currently going through. They are here to offer comfort and encouragement during this difficult time while sharing knowledge to help you move forward. GriefShare teachings are biblically based on grief and recovery topics.

For more information call the Parish Office 936-894-2223

If you want/need to talk to someone please call Mary Marshall(281-356-2497)

To locate a GriefShare session and resource please go to [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org)

## **S.A.L.T. Ministry** Single Addults Living Truth

**Welcoming all Singles, Widows, Widowers and Divorced folks**

### **Ongoing & Upcoming Events:**

**September 12 - Bride & Bloom Floristry & Farm, Montgomery, Flower Pounding Class, 5:15 -7:30.**

21123 Eva St. Suite 100 Montgomery, right off FM 105(is owned by a parishioner, Alisa McCorquodale)

We will be participating in a Flower Pounding class, the flowers colors & patterns are transferred on to a tote bag. The cost is \$30.00. Come join us for a fun and creative activity. We can bring snacks & drinks. Please contact, Sharon (713-962-6630 or text) for more information or to let her know if you want to attend.

**We need you to RSVP by August 28.** *Please invite a friend.* Updates to come through Emails & Flocknotes.

S.A.L.T. has a Facebook Page by the name of, S.A.L.T. Ministry. If you are on Facebook find us & join the group. Send a comment or ask a question, we will be happy to respond.

**We will update or inform you of any other upcoming activities through Flocknotes & through the newsletter.**

For more information on the S.A.L.T. Ministry or activities please contact

**Mary Marshall(281-356-2497)**

# Support Your Local Parishioners

## *Auto Repair Services*

**ToyoMasters Auto Repair**  
Toyota/ Lexus Expert  
Mark Strong  
Phone: (936)701-5236

**Poton Automotive**  
Gary Ponton  
Phone: (936)894-3409

## *Bakery/ Sweets*

**Sonia's Sweet Side**  
Decorated Sugar Cookies  
Sonia Drabek  
Phone: (979)739-4551

## *Dental Services*

**Montgomery & Conroe**  
Comprehensive Dental Centers  
Dr. Timothy E. Gardner  
Phone: (936)242-0319 - Conroe or  
(936)585-6611 - Montgomery

## *Florist*

**Bride and Bloom**  
Alisa McCorquodale  
936.597.4626

## *Food*

**Old Oak Taphouse**  
17527 Highway 105 E  
Plantersville  
Dog & Family Friendly  
440.281.0354

## *Interior Design*

**Designed Interiors**  
by Terri  
Terri Furce  
(936)718-5002

## *Misc. Services*

**ACT SEPTIC SOLUTIONS, LLC**  
Septic Installation & Maintenance  
Services for Home or Business  
Austin & Keri Tucker,  
Owners/Operators  
832.922.2666

**KWM Services**  
Roll-off Dumpster Rental  
& Pasture Mowing  
Kenny & Suzie Mock  
Phone: (936)232-3757  
or (936)760-5379

**Moon Light Venue**  
(Max 200 People)  
Brenda Martinez  
(936)777-9720

**Rafter R Ranch**  
Services and Barn Building  
Rusty & James Maddox  
(210)844-3844

**Rocky Creek Metal & Art**  
Facepainting by  
Sherry  
(936)524-3879  
Metal Work by Frank  
(936)524-7999

**Medicare Specialist**  
Broker  
Russell Ross  
(214)458-6027

**Saddle Fitting by Denise**  
Dressage, Jumping,  
and Polo Saddles  
Denise Waszak  
Phone: (240)315-4575

**Medicare Specialist**  
Broker  
Russell Ross  
(214)458-6027

## *Plumbing Services*

**Willburn Plumbing**  
Robert Willburn  
Master Plumber  
Phone: (832)294-3399

## *Real Estate*

**BCS Properties**  
Barbara Shrader (Broker)  
Phone:(936)443-6320

**Carswell Real Estate Co. Inc.**  
Joann Kaminski Kutac  
Phone: (281)799-6019

**Strong Real Estate Co.**  
Tracy Strong  
Phone: (936)718-8766

**Realty Associates**  
Sherry Henderson, GRI  
Broker Associate  
(713)306-4719

**Tametric Realty**  
Eric Gensheimer (Broker)  
Tammy Gensheimer (Agent)  
Phone:(713)416-5280  
or (281)844-2534

**Tailored by Design Realty**  
Team by United RE  
Cecilia Maddox  
(210)383-8079

**Texas Patriot Realty**  
Todd Ubanoski  
(713)304-8827

**The Bric Group**  
Brittany Gutierrez  
(469)371-9478

## *Roofing Services*

**Territo Roofing**  
Paul Territo  
Phone: (281)356-5124

## *Veterinarians & Boarding Services*

**Animal Hospital of Montgomery & The Lodge Luxury Boarding Retreat**  
Veterinary Hospital & Pet Boarding,  
Grooming & Day Care Facility  
Joey L. Romero D.V.M. and Mandy Romero  
Phone: (936)582-1555

**South Central Veterinary Services**  
Veterinary and Boarding Services  
John L. Walla, DVM  
(936)870-4033

| <p><b>New Regular Weekend Mass Schedule</b><br/> <b>Saturday:</b> 5:00pm (SM)<br/> <b>Sunday:</b> 7:30am (SJ)<br/> <b>7:00, 8:30, 10:00 &amp; 11:30am (SM)</b></p> |                                                                        |                                                                                                                                           | <h1>September 2023</h1>                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                 |                              |                                                                           |  |
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| SM Mass Schedule: 7am, 8:30am & 10am<br>*Second Collection – The Catholic University of America<br>SM BAZAAR                                                       | *NO MASS<br>*8:00pm – AA Mtg.<br><br>LABOR DAY<br>Parish Office Closed | *NO MASS<br>*NO Dominos<br>*6:30pm – SJ Altar Society – SJ Hall<br><br>Parish Office Closed                                               | *9:00am _ Mass<br>*9:30am – Stitchin' Sisters – SJ Hall<br>*10am – noon & 5-6pm Confessions<br>*10am – noon – Grief-Share – Kelly House                                                     | *9:00am – Mass<br>*9:00am – Mass                                | *NO MASS                     | *5:00pm – Mass                                                            |  |
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| *Regular Mass Schedule                                                                                                                                             | *9:00am - Mass<br>*8:00pm – AA Mtg.                                    | *9:00am – Mass<br>*11:00am – Dominos – FLC Kitchen<br>*Noon – Altar Society Mtg. – SM Hall<br>*5:15pm – S.A.L.T. – Event at Bride & Bloom | *9:00am _ Mass<br>*9:30am – Stitchin' Sisters – SJ Hall<br>*10:00am – Guardian Angels Mtg. – FLC RM 201<br>*10am – noon – Grief-Share – Kelly House<br>*7:00pm - Wednesday CCE begins – FLC | *9:00am – Mass<br>*Bible Study Begins 10-noon & 7-9pm – SM Hall | *NO MASS                     | *5:00pm – Mass                                                            |  |
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| *Regular Mass Schedule<br>*10:00am – Sunday CCE begins                                                                                                             | *9:00am – Mass<br>*8:00pm – AA Mtg.                                    | *9:00am – Mass<br>*10am – 2:00pm - GAME DAY – SM Hall<br>*6:30pm – SM Men's Club Dinner & Meeting – SM Hall                               | *NO MASS<br>*9:30am – Stitchin' Sisters – SJ Hall<br>*NO CONFESSIONS<br>*10am – noon – Grief-Share – Kelly House<br>*7:00pm - CCE                                                           | *NO MASS<br>*Bible Study 10-noon & 7-9pm – SM Hall              | *NO MASS                     | *5:00pm – Mass                                                            |  |
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| *Regular Mass Schedule<br>*10:00am - CCE                                                                                                                           | *9:00am - Mass<br>*8:00pm – AA Mtg.                                    | *9:00am – Mass<br>*3:30pm – St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. & Mass – SM Hall                                                                     | *9:00am – Mass<br>*9:30am – Stitchin' Sisters – SJ Hall<br>*10am – noon – Grief-Share – Kelly House                                                                                         | *9:00am – Mass<br>*Bible Study 10-noon & 7-9pm – SM Hall        | *NO MASS                     | *5:00pm – Mass                                                            |  |